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COUNTY OFFERS RABIES SHOTS, MICROCHIPPING, AND LICENSING AMNESTY

Cheap Shots and Amnesty for Delinquent Dog Owners Available Sunday Morning

The County Department of Animal Services will again offer low-cost rabies vaccinations, dog licensing and microchipping from 8:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Saturday, June 5th, at the Encinitas City Hall located at 505 S. Vulcan in Encinitas. With proof of a dog license the Department will also be microchipping dogs for a one-time fee of \$20.00, which includes the registration. There is no license requirement for cats.

Moreover, owners that have failed to ever license their dog or have allowed their dog's annual license to lapse will be offered amnesty from any late fees during the two-hour event, Department's North Regional Director John Carlson announced today.

"Get the shot, get the license and a microchip, and get the peace of mind and protection these things bring," said Carlson. Carlson continued, "a microchip is a small transponder, the size of a grain of rice which is injected under the skin and remains there for the life of the pet." The Department scans all incoming stray animals for the presence of a microchip. Staff is then able to locate the owner's information through the number on the microchip.

Rabies vaccinations for dogs (four months or older) and cats (three months or older) will be available for \$5.00. Dog licenses, which are required by law, may be purchased for one, two, or three years.

For more information, you may contact the Department at (619) 236-4250.

For the protection of owners and their pets, dogs must be on a leash and cats in a carrier for the clinic.

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